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Sir:

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Since the issue fee in this application has been paid, it is respectfully requested that the attached papers be made a permanent part of the application file.

Respectfully submitted,

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